



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Fox Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery
434th Field Artillery Brigade
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR Family and Friends of Fox Battery 1-79 FA Soldiers

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

Greetings from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. My name is Captain Lant Fogarty and I am your Soldier's Battery Commander for Basic Combat Training (BCT). Your Soldier is well and has had an opportunity to contact you by this point in time. Your Soldier will receive phone privileges on Sundays after completing his/her first phase of training (4 ½ weeks long). Please be aware that phone calls are a privilege and will be dependent upon his/her training status and professional behavior.

It is my job to ensure that training is safe and effective. Our Drill Sergeants and Cadre are extremely professional and are wholeheartedly dedicated to the care and training of your Soldier. These instructors are selected from the top 15% within their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and undergo rigorous training and certification before being given the opportunity to conduct training. BCT will be challenging for your Soldier and your Soldier will be pushed to succeed. We will do all that we can to ensure that success is achieved and we will provide your Soldier with a solid foundation to stand on for his/her future military career.

This unit maintains and updates a Facebook page located at the following web address: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fox-Battery-1st-Battalion-79th-Field-Artillery/291905414252316#!/pages/Fox-Battery-1st-Battalion-79th-Field-Artillery/291905414252316>. I will have pictures posted as training takes place and we will answer questions when time permits us to do so.

I highly encourage that you and your family join us for Family Day on Thursday, 12 March 2015 and the Graduation Day ceremony on Friday, 13 March 2015. I will send out a detailed graduation packet with maps, times, and locations no later than the 6th week of your Soldier's training by mail. You can also find these letters and other information about Fort Sill and the Lawton area from our unit page on the Fort Sill website at: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-79/1-79f.html>. Additionally, there is also some great information listed on the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery website at: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-79/index.html>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about any important situations concerning your Soldier. My office telephone number is (580)-442-5056 / 5070 and my e-mail address is lant.b.fogarty.mil@mail.mil. If your family experiences an unfortunate emergency and you request the presence of your Soldier, make sure that you contact the Red Cross (877-272-7337) so that they can let us know about the situation and we will do our best to accommodate your request if valid. I hope that you are able to attend your Soldier's Graduation Day ceremony and I look forward to meeting you soon. Thank you for your support and patriotism!


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